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Patty Tavatanakit

Quick Quotes

Q. All right, here with Patty Tavatanakit. I think one thing to talk about today was how you were able to overcome some the obstacles out there today. Talk about your fight during this third round here in Thailand.

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: It was tough. I mean, it's golf. Not every day is perfect. I'm not expecting to have a perfect tournament. Even though I had some nice rounds, it was still not perfect, which is I feel like it's the nature of the game itself.

I'm really proud of myself of how I hung in there and grinded back to shooting under par.

Q. How important was it to you to be able to pick up the par saves? The one that sticks out to me the most is No. 10 after the bogey on 9. How beneficial to the game today was it with that par save on 10?

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: I think it really did get my momentum going in the back nine. I really think I was a little bit confused. I was multitasking. I was trying to eat on the 10th hole and I was just not 100% today with my energy level.

But if anything, it just goes to show you don't have to be 100% perfect to shoot under par.

Q. That's something you've said all week. You said in the past couple rounds that your mental game has really been there, really helped you through when you're struggling. Do you feel as if the mental game really helped you today?

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: Oh, definitely. You know, I kept telling myself, just keep executing, hitting good shots, holes will open up, make some more putts coming down the end, which I did.

You know, it didn't turn out that, you know, I didn't make any putts coming down the stretch. It's okay. I still have tomorrow to play. I mean, everything is perspective. I look at it in a very optimistic way. I still have a lot of holes to play and to finish this out.

Q. Those last couple holes, the three birdies in the



last five holes there, just what was going so right and how much confidence does the end of the round like that give you heading into a final day like tomorrow?

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: A little bit of momentum change. I made my putt on 14 and that was basically the first one in a while, which was just like more of a relief that I still got it in me.

And I feel like my head is a little bit clouded today when it comes to green reading and judging the speed and the line, which is fine. Like I haven't made any three-putts and I'm just really happy about that.

Q. You're finding the positives. Along with that, what else do you find positively about your game that you can take from today for tomorrow?

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: Again, I don't have to be perfect to win tomorrow, but still it's going to be tough. I got to be mentally prepared for whatever is coming tomorrow.

Like ANA, you know, it's not going to be easy. There will be some challenges. Going to be people shooting low numbers.

I just can't let that affect me at all. All I got to do is play my best, and whatever outcome it is, I'll still be super proud of myself for having really good three rounds already.

I mean, I'm just happy to be home and can't really control the result there.

Q. How much do you compare this experience and the way you're playing now to your time at ANA and how you were able to sleep on the lead there as well as you've slept on the lead every day so far here in Thailand?

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: I feel like I was a little bit more nervous at ANA just because that was my first time, let alone it was a major.

But this event is sort of the same feeling. I'm still a little nervous, but I feel like I have more self-control and self-awareness in the sense I'm able to bring myself back to normal, more normal than ANA I would say.

If anything, I'm just going to do everything the same. I feel like I've been so tired every single day that I think I'm going to be able to sleep tonight.

Q. What do you do tonight? Is it just about getting the most amount of rest that you can?

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: Yes. I don't think practicing today would do any help just because I'm already so fried, and if I try to use all my energy today it would not be enough for tomorrow, you know.

So conserving energy is important, and I'm going to go home and do whatever it is that I been doing not relating to golf, and just have fun and just stay relaxed.

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